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REVIEW OF DISABILITY CONCEPT DURING ARMY SERVICE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Armed Forces personnel are sent out of service on becoming `Low-Medical` category;

(b) whether the Rules and Regulations in this regard are of Pre-1947 vintage;

(c) if so, the reasons for not revising and updating the Rules;

(d) whether soldier`s percentage of disability decided by a competent Medical Board of the Services, can be arbitrarily reduced by the office of CDA (Pension) Allahabad;

(e) if so, the justification therefor; and

(f) the steps being taken to re-examine the entire concept of `Disability` during service and its `non-attributability` for purposes of pension?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Only such of the Armed Forces personnel in low medical category are boarded out of Service whose medical category render them unfit for military service, and is so recommended by the competent Medical Board.

(b)&(c): No, Sir. The rules and regulations are revised from time to time depending upon treatment facilities available for different health problems.

(d)&(e): As per Rules, the finding of the Medical Board is not final and can be reviewed/revised by the Medical Advisor (Pension) attached with CDA (Pension).

(f) The matter is being re-examined by the Government.